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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 50.9 degrees, 4.0 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, May 5. Precipitation averaged 0.66 inches, 0.23 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 23 points below normal.

Reporters rated 1.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, May 3. This is 5.5 days less than last year and 2.8 days less than the five-year average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 53 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

|                   | Current week | Previous week | Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2002              | 1.4          | 2.2           | 9.8                                 |
| 2001              | 6.9          | 3.7           | 23.2                                |
| 1997-2001 Average | 4.2          | 3.7           | 20.8                                |

Topsoil Moisture

|                     | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Current Week        | 0          | 0     | 47       | 53      |
| Last Week           | 0          | 1     | 62       | 37      |
| Same Week Last Year | 3          | 32    | 63       | 2       |
| 1997-2001 Average   | 1          | 13    | 59       | 27      |

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 5

Below normal temperatures and wet field conditions last week continued to slow Spring planting activities throughout the Buckeye State. Respondents estimate that only 11 percent of the intended **Corn** acreage is planted, compared to 64 percent planted at this same time last year. As of Sunday evening, corn planting was running nearly 10 days behind normal. Two percent of the corn acreage had emerged by week’s end. **Soybean** planting continued to be

hampered last week with only an additional 3 percent of the intended acreage seeded. This brings the overall total to 5 percent. This is also 10 days behind the State’s five-year average pace and the slowest start since 1998. Forty percent of the **Potato** acreage is currently planted, slightly behind last year’s pace and the five-year average. An additional 16 percent of the State’s **Oat** acreage was planted last week, bringing the overall total to 61 percent. Oat planting is currently running two weeks behind the five-year average pace. The State’s **Tobacco** growers have 94 percent of their beds seeded, with 75 percent having plants up. Nearly one-third of the State’s **Sugarbeet** acreage was planted by week’s end. This is well behind last year’s above normal pace. Reporters estimate that 77 percent of the **Winter Wheat** acreage has jointed, in line with both last year and the five-year average.

Ninety-two percent of the **Apple** trees are in the green tip stage with 79 percent of them in full bloom. This compares to 97 percent in green tip and 86 percent bloomed at this same time last year. Ninety-three percent of the State’s **Peach** trees are in the green tip stage or beyond with 82 percent in full bloom. This is slightly behind last year, but ahead of the five-year average.

Farming activities taking place last week included fence building, fruit tree spraying, manure spreading and applying lime. Grain and oilseed producers planted crops and applied fertilizer in between rain showers, but switched to hauling grain and working on equipment once the field conditions became to wet. Dry conditions and warmer temperatures allowed most to return to the fields by the weekend.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Seventy-eight percent of the winter wheat acreage was rated in fair-to-good condition, but persistent wet conditions are causing problems in some low lying fields. The majority of the State’s pastures and hay fields are rated in fair-to-good condition. Alfalfa producers have reported finding alfalfa weevils in some areas, but cool weather has kept damage to a minimum. Producers are spraying for the pests when conditions allow. Livestock across the State were rated in mostly good condition, with no major problems reported.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 5

| Crop                          | 2002 | 2001 | 1997-01 Average | Previous Week |      |
|-------------------------------|------|------|-----------------|---------------|------|
|                               |      |      |                 | Ohio          | U.S. |
| Corn planted                  | 11   | 64   | 45              | 5             | 26   |
| Corn emerged                  | 2    | 8    | 5               | 1             | 7    |
| Oats planted                  | 61   | 96   | 91              | 45            | 44   |
| Oats emerged                  | 29   | 68   | 66              | 17            | 19   |
| Potatoes planted              | 40   | 48   | 49              | 25            | NA   |
| Soybeans planted              | 5    | 37   | 22              | 2             | 3    |
| Sugarbeets planted            | 31   | 63   | NA              | 10            | 41   |
| Tobacco beds seeded           | 94   | 92   | NA              | 86            | NA   |
| Tobacco beds having plants up | 75   | 78   | NA              | 54            | NA   |
| Winter wheat jointed          | 77   | 79   | 79              | 51            | NA   |

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 5

|               |           |      |      |      |           |
|---------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| APPLES        | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Current Week  | 0         | 2    | 21   | 63   | 14        |
| Previous Week | 1         | 3    | 25   | 57   | 14        |
| Previous Year | 0         | 3    | 19   | 66   | 12        |
| HAY           | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Current Week  | 0         | 3    | 24   | 58   | 15        |
| Previous Week | 0         | 3    | 23   | 62   | 12        |
| Previous Year | 0         | 2    | 21   | 62   | 15        |
| LIVESTOCK     | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Current Week  | 0         | 1    | 15   | 71   | 13        |
| Previous Week | 0         | 1    | 15   | 70   | 14        |
| Previous Year | NA        | NA   | NA   | NA   | NA        |
| PASTURE       | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Current Week  | 0         | 3    | 24   | 59   | 14        |
| Previous Week | 1         | 5    | 24   | 57   | 13        |
| Previous Year | 0         | 4    | 20   | 59   | 17        |
| PEACHES       | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Current Week  | 0         | 2    | 23   | 63   | 12        |
| Previous Week | 1         | 3    | 27   | 57   | 12        |
| Previous Year | 1         | 7    | 26   | 55   | 11        |
| WINTER WHEAT  | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Current Week  | 2         | 5    | 25   | 53   | 15        |
| Previous Week | 3         | 6    | 26   | 51   | 14        |
| Previous Year | 1         | 3    | 17   | 57   | 22        |

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 5

|                 | Temperature |      | Precipitation |       |             |      | Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup> |      |             |      |
|-----------------|-------------|------|---------------|-------|-------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|-------------|------|
| Region          | Last Week   | Dev. | Last Week     | Dev.  | Since Apr.1 | Dev. | Last Week                         | Dev. | Since Apr.1 | Dev. |
| Northwest       | 50.0        | -4.0 | 0.57          | -0.14 | 4.97        | 1.15 | 39                                | -18  | 254         | 45   |
| North Central   | 48.9        | -4.9 | 0.79          | 0.09  | 5.25        | 1.44 | 28                                | -25  | 244         | 44   |
| Northeast       | 46.9        | -5.9 | 0.86          | 0.15  | 4.19        | 0.29 | 29                                | -24  | 237         | 41   |
| West Central    | 51.5        | -3.5 | 0.54          | -0.32 | 6.22        | 1.97 | 39                                | -22  | 280         | 46   |
| Central         | 51.8        | -3.7 | 0.60          | -0.35 | 4.87        | 0.66 | 39                                | -25  | 293         | 44   |
| Central Hills   | 49.3        | -4.5 | 0.83          | -0.03 | 5.19        | 1.06 | 33                                | -24  | 259         | 39   |
| Northeast Hills | 49.0        | -5.3 | 0.73          | -0.10 | 4.34        | 0.36 | 35                                | -25  | 259         | 27   |
| Southwest       | 53.4        | -3.1 | 0.40          | -0.77 | 6.37        | 1.53 | 47                                | -20  | 319         | 49   |
| South Central   | 53.4        | -3.5 | 0.65          | -0.38 | 5.73        | 1.58 | 48                                | -25  | 348         | 44   |
| Southeast       | 52.2        | -3.3 | 0.79          | -0.21 | 5.27        | 1.10 | 45                                | -22  | 312         | 43   |
| STATE           | 50.9        | -4.0 | 0.66          | -0.23 | 5.27        | 1.13 | 39                                | -23  | 284         | 43   |

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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